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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

With regard to the “indicator” for poison treatment of rodent infestation in building blocks, what yardstick is used by FEHD to ascertain that poison treatment is an effective way to reduce rodent infestation?

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

Poison treatment is used in building blocks under a systematic programme. Staff of the Department conduct surveys regularly in the area to assess the degree of rodent problem. Rodent signs such as droppings, smears, footprints and gnawing marks found are useful indicators to show the effectiveness of the control work. The treatment will be concluded when fresh sign of rodent activities no longer exists.

Signature _____

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Date _____ **14.3.2007** _____